

AN ACT

relating to the 1st Multicounty Court at Law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 25.2702, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (d-1) and (d-2) to read as follows:

(d) The judge of the county court at law shall appoint an official court reporter. The judge may appoint a court administrator to aid the judge in the performance of the judge's duties. The official court reporter and the court administrator of the county court at law are entitled to receive a salary set by the commissioners courts in the counties the reporter or administrator serves to be paid out of the county treasuries, either by salary or by contract as set by the commissioners courts ~~[the same salary and to be paid in the same manner as the official court reporter and court administrator, respectively, of the district court in the administrative county for the court]~~. The clerk of the court shall tax as costs, in each civil, criminal, and probate case in which a record of any part of the evidence in the case is made by the reporter, a stenographer's fee of \$25. The fee shall be paid in the same manner as other costs in the case. The clerk collects the fee and pays it into the general funds of the counties.

(d-1) Fisher, Mitchell, and Nolan Counties shall enter into an interlocal agreement allocating the financial obligations of

1 each county in relation to the county court at law and the budget,
2 powers, and duties of the court and salaries of court personnel.

3 (d-2) If the counties served by the county court at law are
4 unable to reach an agreement under Subsection (d-1) before the
5 first day of the fiscal year for a county served by the court, each
6 county shall pay to the court's administrative county a share of the
7 court's administrative and operational costs for the fiscal year
8 based on the proportion of the court's caseload originating in the
9 county during the preceding year. A county is entitled to
10 compensation from the state under Section 25.0015 in proportion to
11 the amount paid under this subsection.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

S.B. No. 2215

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2215 passed the Senate on April 26, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2215 passed the House on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 9, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor